GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CRISIS IN BHAGALPUR SILK INDUSTRY
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world famous Bhagalpur Silk Industry is suffering from financial crisis and negligence;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government for revival of above industry;

(c) the details of the trade of Bhagalpur Silk Industry during the last three years;

(d) the details of sick/closed/running in losses silk mills during the last three years, till date, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken and amount spent for their revival, mill-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)&(b)The Bihar Spun Silk Mills has been lying closed since 1992 due to lack of funds. Bihar Spun Silk Mills approached Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction(BIFR) for rehabilitation of the mill which has not been agreed to by them.

(c) As the Bihar Spun Silk Mills has been lying closed for the last 8 years, no trade has been carried out by the said mills during the last 3 years.

(d) As per information made available from BIFR, the list of sick/potentially sick units is not maintained commodity wise.However, a total of 445 textile units were registered with BIFR on 30.4.2000.

(e) The Government has no specific scheme for revival of sick and closed silk mills. However the Govt. has set up the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special provision) Act, 1985, under which the Board has been entrusted with the responsibility of rehabilitation of the sick industrial companies.